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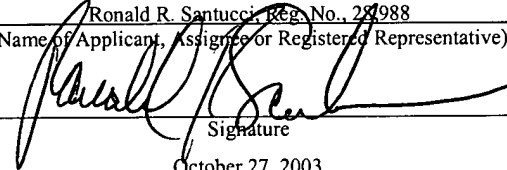
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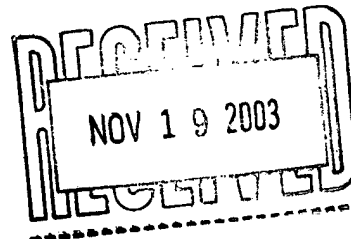
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Group Art Unit : 2881
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the May 27, 2003 Office Action, setting a three-month term for reply.



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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply to the May 27, 2003 Office Action be extended two months, i.e., to up to and including October 27, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 in payment of the fee; and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Reference sign 22 is now deleted from figures 10, 11, and 12. Please replace pages 8, 9, and 10 of the drawings with the attached replacement sheets.

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